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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/284,983	05/11/1999	D. LEE MANNER	T8463488US	3065

TITLE OF INVENTION: COMBUSTIBLE FUEL SOURCE

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The patent term adjustment to date is 0 days. If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the term adjustment will be 0 days.

If a continued prosecution application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines patent term adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. (<http://pair.uspto.gov>)

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Notice of Fee Increase on January 1, 2003

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The current fee schedule is accessible from: <http://www.uspto.gov/main/howtofees.htm>.

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/284,983

Examiner

Sara Clarke

Applicant(s)

MANNER, D. LEE

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--
being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included
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or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

Communication is responsive to the amendment filed June 20, 2003.

Claim(s) is/are 19, 22 and 27-33.

Drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.

Judgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the
International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

Not received: _____.

Is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

Translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

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THIS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted
reply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

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Drawings must be submitted.

Changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

or 2) ☒ to Paper No. 5.

Changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed 13 July 2000, which has been approved by the Examiner.

Changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of

OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the
Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

References Cited (PTO-892)

Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____.

Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

2 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

4 ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____.

6 ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8 ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9 ☐ Other

S. Clarke
Sara Clarke
Primary Examiner
Art Unit: 3743

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 37 and 38 to the species non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 37 and 38 have been cancelled.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sara Clarke whose telephone number is (703) 308-1388. The examiner can normally be reached Thursday and Friday, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Bennett can be reached on (703) 308-0101. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application is assigned are (703) 872-9302 for Before Final communications and (703) 872-9303 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861.

Sara Clarke
Primary Examiner
Art Unit 3743

July 3, 2003



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Considering the entire prosecution of the application in which this survey was enclosed, please indicate your level of satisfaction with the legal positions of the examiner with respect to:

- 35 U.S.C. 102
35 U.S.C. 103
35 U.S.C. 112
Restriction Practice
Other

Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither Dissatisfied nor Satisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Not Applicable
①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥
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① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥

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4 Considering all of your transactions with the Technology Center over the past year, please indicate your level of satisfaction with:

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- Very Dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neither Dissatisfied nor Satisfied Satisfied Very Satisfied
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June, 2003

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The reverse side of this letter contains the survey questions. For those of you that have participated in past surveys, you will notice that we have drastically reduced the number of questions we are asking. Based on comments received, we are focusing this year's survey on three key areas:

- Written communications regarding the legal position of the examiner;
- Search; and
- Problem resolution.

Survey Instructions

The survey is voluntary. You were randomly selected to complete this survey from our database of customers who have recently received a patent in the **Mechanical Engineering, Manufacturing, and Products (3700)** technology area, either for themselves or on behalf of a client, in 2003. While we recognize that you may file patent applications in a variety of areas or receive multiple patents, we would like you to focus only on your experiences with the patent referenced in this mailing. Choose only one response for each question unless directed otherwise. A pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope is provided for you to return the completed survey.

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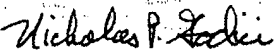
Based on the results of the previous surveys, we have implemented new initiatives to improve customer satisfaction and we have targeted others for implementation in the near future. Last year's survey results are available on the USPTO Web Page at "www.uspto.gov/ceers/csrdocument/csr2002.pdf".

Questions?

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Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,



Nicholas P. Godici
Commissioner for Patents

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB number. The OMB number for this survey is 0631-0038 and expires 05-31-2006. This collection of information is requested as part of the USPTO's efforts to gauge customer satisfaction with the USPTO's products, services, and related service standards. The responses will be aggregated and used by the USPTO to develop customer satisfaction improvement strategies. This collection of information is voluntary in accordance with E.O. 12862, "Setting Customer Service Standards for the Patent and Trademark Office." This survey is estimated to take approximately 5 minutes to complete, including the time to gather the information and complete the survey. If you have any comments or recommendations for reducing its length, send them to Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

**REVISED AMENDMENT PRACTICE: 37 CFR 1.121 CHANGED
COMPLIANCE IS MANDATORY - Effective Date: July 30, 2003**

All amendments filed on or after the effective date noted above must comply with revised 37 CFR 1.121. See Final Rule: **Changes To Implement Electronic Maintenance of Official Patent Application Records** (68 Fed. Reg. 38611 (June 30, 2003), posted on the Office's website at: <http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/ifw/> with related information. The amendment practice set forth in revised 37 CFR 1.121, and described below, replaces the voluntary revised amendment format available to applicants since February 2003. **NOTE: STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE REVISED 37 CFR 1.121 IS REQUIRED AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE (July 30, 2003).** The Office will notify applicants of amendments that are not accepted because they do not comply with revised 37 CFR 1.121 via a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. See MPEP 714.03 (Rev. 1, Feb. 2003). The non-compliant section(s) will have to be corrected and the entire corrected section(s) resubmitted within a set period.

Bold underlined italic font has been used below to highlight the major differences between the revised 37 CFR 1.121 and the voluntary revised amendment format that applicants could use since February, 2003.

Note: The amendment practice for reissues and reexamination proceedings, except for drawings, has not changed.

REVISED AMENDMENT PRACTICE

I. Begin each section of an amendment document on a separate sheet:

Each section of an amendment document (e.g., Specification Amendments, Claim Amendments, Drawing Amendments, and Remarks) must begin on a separate sheet. Starting each separate section on a new page will facilitate the process of separately indexing and scanning each section of an amendment document for placement in an image file wrapper.

II. Two versions of amended part(s) no longer required:

37 CFR 1.121 has been revised to **no longer require two versions** (a clean version and a marked up version) of each replacement paragraph or section, or amended claim. Note, however, the requirements for a clean version and a marked up version for **substitute specifications** under 37 CFR 1.125 have been retained.

A) Amendments to the claims:

Each amendment document that includes a change to an existing claim, cancellation of a claim or submission of a new claim, **must include a complete listing of all claims** in the application. After each claim number in the listing, the status must be indicated in a parenthetical expression, and the **text of each pending claim** (with markings to show **current changes**) must be presented. The claims in the listing will replace all prior claims in the application.

- (1) The current status of all of the claims in the application, including any previously canceled, not entered or withdrawn claims, must be given in a parenthetical expression following the claim number using only one of the following seven status identifiers: (original), (currently amended), (canceled), (withdrawn), (new), **(previously presented) and (not entered)**. The text of all pending claims, **including withdrawn claims**, must be submitted each time any claim is amended. Canceled **and not entered** claims must be indicated by only the claim number and status, without presenting the text of the claims.
- (2) The text of all claims **being currently amended** must be presented in the claim listing with markings to indicate the changes that have been made relative to the immediate prior version. The changes in any amended claim must be shown by underlining (for added matter) or strikethrough (for deleted matter) with 2 exceptions: (1) for **deletion of five characters or fewer, double brackets may be used (e.g., [feroor]); and (2) if strikethrough cannot be easily perceived (e.g., deletion of the number "4" or certain punctuation marks), double brackets must be used (e.g., [[4]]).** As an alternative to using double brackets, however, **extra portions of text may be included before and after text being deleted, all in strikethrough, followed by including and underlining the extra text with the desired change (e.g., number 4 as number 14 as).** An accompanying clean version is not required and should not be presented. Only claims of the status "currently amended," and "withdrawn" that are being amended, may include markings.
- (3) The text of pending claims **not being currently amended, including withdrawn claims**, must be presented in the claim listing in clean version, i.e., without any markings. Any claim text presented in clean version will constitute an assertion that it has not been changed relative to the immediate prior version except to omit markings that may have been present in the immediate prior version of the claims.

- (4) A claim being canceled must be listed in the claim listing with the status identifier “canceled”; the text of the claim must not be presented. Providing an instruction to cancel is optional.
- (5) Any claims added by amendment must be presented in the claim listing with the status identifier “(new)”; the text of the claim must not be underlined.
- (6) All of the claims in the claim listing must be presented in ascending numerical order. Consecutive canceled, or not entered, claims may be aggregated into one statement (e.g., Claims 1 – 5 (canceled)).

Example of listing of claims (use of the word “claim” before the claim number is optional):

Claims 1-5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (previously presented): A bucket with a handle.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): A handle comprising an elongated wire.

Claim 8 (withdrawn): The handle of claim 7 further comprising a plastic grip.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A bucket with a ~~green~~ blue handle.

Claim 10 (original): The bucket of claim 9 wherein the handle is made of wood.

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (not entered)

Claim 13 (new): A bucket with plastic sides and bottom.

B) Amendments to the specification:

Amendments to the specification, including the abstract, must be made by presenting a replacement paragraph or section or abstract marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version. An accompanying clean version is not required and should not be presented. Newly added paragraphs or sections, including a new abstract (instead of a replacement abstract), must not be underlined. A replacement or new abstract must be submitted on a separate sheet, 37 CFR 1.72. If a substitute specification is being submitted to incorporate extensive amendments, both a clean version (which will be entered) and a marked up version must be submitted as per 37 CFR 1.125.

The changes in any replacement paragraph or section, or substitute specification must be shown by underlining (for added matter) or strikethrough (for deleted matter) with 2 exceptions: (1) for deletion of five characters or fewer, double brackets may be used (e.g., [[eroor]]); and (2) if strikethrough cannot be easily perceived (e.g., deletion of the number “4” or certain punctuation marks), double brackets must be used (e.g., [[4]]). As an alternative to using double brackets, however, extra portions of text may be included before and after text being deleted, all in strikethrough, followed by including and underlining the extra text with the desired change (e.g., number 4 as number 14 as)

C) Amendments to drawing figures:

Drawing changes must be made by presenting replacement figures which incorporate the desired changes and which comply with 37 CFR 1.84. An explanation of the changes made must be presented either in the drawing amendments, or remarks, section of the amendment, and may be accompanied by a marked-up copy of one or more of the figures being amended, with annotations. Any replacement drawing sheet must be identified in the top margin as “Replacement Sheet” and include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even though only one figure may be amended. Any marked-up (annotated) copy showing changes must be labeled “Annotated Sheet Showing Changes” and accompany the replacement sheet as an appendix to the amendment. The figure or figure number of the amended drawing(s) must **not** be labeled as “amended.” If the changes to the drawing figure(s) are not accepted by the examiner, applicant will be notified of any required corrective action in the next Office action. No further drawing submission will be required, unless applicant is notified.

Questions regarding the submission of amendments pursuant to the revised practice set forth in this flyer should be directed to: Elizabeth Dougherty or Gena Jones, Legal Advisors, or Joe Narcavage, Senior Special Projects Examiner, Office of Patent Legal Administration, by e-mail to patent.practice@uspto.gov or by phone at (703) 305-1616.